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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BA

SUBJECT: RETENTION OF MIDEASTFOR AT BAHRAIN

REF: (A) STATE 161678 (NOTAL); (B) JIDDA 3903

1. CHARGE WAS UNABLE PERSONALLY TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF COMIDEASTFOR TO PRINCE SAUD; PRINCE WAS IN TAIF THURSDAY, CAME TO JIDDA WITH KING AND COURT ON FRIDAY, AND INAUGURATED ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE (SEPTTEL) AT 10:00 AM SATURDAY, JULY 12. ON FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH MFA OFFICIAL HE ASKED THAT OUR VIEWS BE PROVIDED TO HIM BY LETTER SATURDAY MORNING. THIS WAS DONE.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT CONFERENCE AS WHOLE, OR ARAB OR GULF DELEGATES WILL TAKE UP QUESTION OF FOREIGN BASES IN THE ARAB WORLD. IF IT COMES UP, HOWEVER, EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, WE DO NOT THINK THE SAUDIS WILL BE ACTIVELY HELPFUL OR SYMPATHETIC TO OUR POINT OF VIEW. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE IN THE FIRST PLACE TO DEFEND A U.S. MILITARY FACILITY BEFORE AN ARAB

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OR THIRD WORLD AUDIENCE, AND WE KNOW THAT SAUDI OFFICIALS

HAVE BEEN BITTER OVER WHAT THEY REGARD AS U.S. THREATS
TO USE FORCE AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA'S OIL FIELDS; WE KNOW
FURTHERMORE THAT SENIOR SAUDI OFFICIALS ARE INCLINED TO FAVOR THE
CLOSURE OF ALL NON-REGIONAL MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE REGION
AND ABOUT THE PERIPHERY OF ARABIA. AMBASSADOR AKINS WILL BE
SEEING MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD
PROBABLY ON JULY 13, AND WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IF HE
WISHES TO FOLLOW UP ON CHARGE'S LETTER.
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